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August Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production totaled 2.19 billion pounds in August, up 10 million pounds from August 2009. Milk per cow averaged 1,730 pounds, the same as a year ago. The number of milk cows in the state, at 1.26 million, was the same as in July, but 6,000 more than the previous year. As of September 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,621 licensed milk cow herds, down 47 from last month and down 416 from September 2009.

During August, milk production in the 23 major states totaled 15.0 billion pounds, an increase of 3 percent over August 2009. Milk per cow averaged 1,796 pounds, up 51 pounds. The number of milk cows was 8.36 million head. This is a decrease of 8,000 from last month and 10,000 fewer than at this time last year.

Idaho had the greatest jump in production from the previous year, at 8 percent. This was due to having 25,000 more cows than in September 2009, as well as more milk per cow. Production in California and New York both rose by 5 percent despite both states having fewer cows. Their milk per cow, however, was much higher. California's milk per cow averaged an additional 130 pounds, and New York's cows averaged 100 more pounds per cow.

August Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,257	1,263	1,730	1,730	2,175	2,185	n.c.
CA	1,782	1,745	1,820	1,950	3,243	3,403	+5
ID	548	573	1,940	2,000	1,063	1,146	+8
MI	355	359	1,910	1,935	678	695	+3
MN	469	470	1,620	1,605	760	754	-1
NM	320	318	2,000	2,025	640	644	+1
NY	618	611	1,690	1,790	1,044	1,094	+5
PA	545	541	1,610	1,670	877	903	+3
TX	420	415	1,680	1,695	706	703	n.c.
23-state total	8,372	8,362	1,745	1,796	14,606	15,019	+3

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

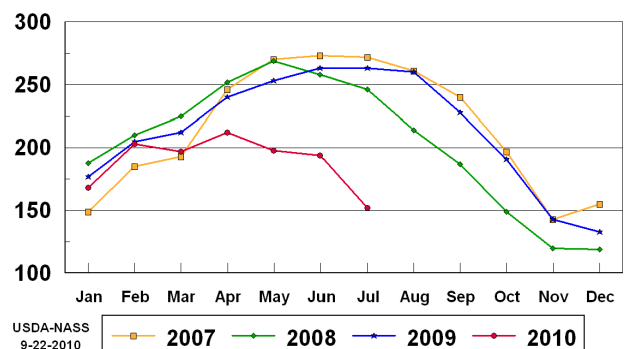
Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	August 31, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 31, 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds		Percent	
CHEESE				
American	598,710	639,463	624,633	+4
Swiss	23,414	27,702	28,351	+21
Other natural	375,496	386,146	381,113	+1
Total	997,620	1,053,311	1,034,097	+4
BUTTER	259,578	193,506	151,839	-42
FROZEN				
Beef	420,096	388,804	385,226	-8
Pork	530,148	391,193	384,853	-27
Chicken	646,484	670,084	695,409	+8
Turkey	653,546	501,511	496,604	-24

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Butter - United States Cold Storage Stocks, 2007-2010

Million Pounds



Lamb and Mutton Production Again at Record Low for Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight, at 1,277 pounds, was down 16 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 6 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down 1 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays. August 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Slaughter 1/, August 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	139.9	+3	2,955.9	+6
Calves	8.2	2/	76.2	-1
Hogs, all	42.9	-5	9,113.2	-2
Sheep and lambs	1.2	-20	204.0	n.c.

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Kind	Aug. 2009	Jul. 2010	Aug. 2010	Jan - August 2/		Change from last year
				2009	2010	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,184	2,230	2,287	17,306	17,317	n.c.
Veal	11	11	11	90	89	-1
Pork	1,869	1,702	1,815	15,001	14,426	-4
Lamb & mutton	13	13	13	111	108	-3
Total red meat 3/	4,077	3,956	4,127	32,507	31,940	-2

1/Based on packers' dress weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2010 was 65.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from September 1, 2009, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.77 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2010 US pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2009 and down 3 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, down 2 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.81 for the June-August 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the March-May 2010 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Wisconsin hog and pig data will now only be published annually in December. To access the entire hog report go to: www.nass.usda.gov/results

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory September 1



Potatoes

Wisconsin's potato farmers produced nearly 29.0 million hundredweight (cwt.) of potatoes on 63,000 acres in 2009.

What happened to all of those potatoes?

Ninety-four percent were sold for use as fresh, processed, or seed potatoes. The other 6 percent were used on the farms where they were grown, or lost after reaching storage.



The value of Wisconsin's 2009 potato crop was \$256 million, with an average price of \$8.85 per cwt. The average price was down \$2.45 per cwt. from the 2008 marketing year average. The price farmers received for fresh market potatoes was less than half of what they received a year earlier. In 2009, they received an average of \$6.95 per cwt. The average price received for processed potatoes increased \$2.00, to \$9.95 per cwt.

The U.S. average price for potatoes was \$8.19 per cwt., down 90 cents from the previous year. The national decline in price for fresh market potatoes was the main contributing factor to the drop in the average price received.

The first production forecast for the 2010 crop will be released November 9, 2010.

U.S. Turkeys Raised Slightly Lower than 2009

The estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2010 is 242 million, down 2 percent from 2009. Minnesota will have the highest number of turkeys raised with 47 million, followed by North Carolina with 31 million, Arkansas with 28 million, Missouri with 17.5 million, Indiana with 16 million, Virginia with 15.5 million, and California with 15 million. These seven states are expected to account for 70 percent of the turkeys raised in the U.S. during 2010. Wisconsin numbers are included in the total U.S. production, but are not reported separately, due to few operations.

Turkeys Raised

State	2009	2010	Change
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	29,000	28,000	-3
CA	15,000	15,000	n.c.
IN	15,000	16,000	+7
MN	(D)	47,000	(X)
MO	18,500	17,500	-5
NC	35,500	31,000	-13
OH	5,200	4,700	-10
PA	9,000	7,500	-17
SC	11,900	12,200	+3
SD	4,500	4,600	+2
UT	3,200	4,600	+44
VA	17,000	15,500	-9
WV	3,300	2,500	-24
Other states *	80,259	35,813	(X)
U.S.	247,359	241,913	-2

D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Comparison to 2009 not applicable.* Other states include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure concerns. Source: USDA, NASS WIFO

Potatoes - 2009 Fall Crop

State	Production	Total used for seed	Farm disposition			Price per cwt.	Value of	
			Used on farms where grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			For seed, feed, & household use	Shrinkage and loss				
			1,000 cwt.			Dollars	1,000 dollars	
WI	28,980	1,438	250	1,525	27,205	8.85	256,473	240,426
ID	132,500	6,844	1,000	9,200	122,300	6.45	854,625	787,293
ME	15,263	1,238	215	968	14,080	10.10	154,156	141,904
MN	20,700	903	311	1,356	19,033	7.60	157,320	144,532
ND	19,125	1,800	175	1,690	17,260	9.45	180,731	163,285
OR	21,460	879	100	1,450	19,910	7.55	162,023	150,607
WA	87,230	3,375	250	5,000	81,980	7.40	645,502	608,369
Total Fall	393,544	20,824	4,243	27,985	361,316	7.62	2,996,839	2,751,550
US 1/	431,318	23,678	4,535	29,122	397,661	8.19	3,521,219	3,255,510

1/Includes winter, spring, summer, and fall potatoes. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO

Prices Received

Prices in Wisconsin for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, soybeans, potatoes sold for all uses, and other hay were expected to decrease from August to September. Prices for steers and heifers, milk, corn, oats, and alfalfa hay were expected to increase during the same period.

Corn in Wisconsin, at an average of \$4.05 per bushel as of mid-September, gained 56 cents over the previous month's price, as well as 52 cents over the price in September 2009. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$4.34 per bushel in mid-September, up \$1.09 from the year before.

The average price Wisconsin farmers received for soybeans was \$9.85 per bushel in mid-September. This was 35 cents less than in August 2010, and 3 cents less than in the previous September. U.S. soybeans sold for an average of \$9.94 per bushel in mid-September, up 19 cents from September 2009.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$2.00 per bushel in mid-September, 13 cents more than the previous month, and 22 cents more than August 2009 price. Nationally, oat prices averaged \$2.16 per bushel, up 34 cents from last year.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$105.00 per ton as of mid-September, up \$5.00 from August, but level with September of last year. The mid-September average price for other hay types was \$70.00 per ton, a decrease of \$10.00 from August and \$5.00 from September 2009.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$90.40 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-September, up \$1.50 from the previous month and \$13.90 from the previous year. The average price for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at \$57.20 per cwt., decreased \$1.50 from August 2010, but increased \$14.10 from September 2009. Calf prices showed a similar pattern, as calves sold for \$140.00 per cwt. in mid-September, \$2.00 less than in August, but \$16.00 more than in September of last year.

At the U.S. level, steers and heifers sold for an average price of \$99.30 per cwt. in mid-September, \$13.80 more than in September 2009. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$56.60 per cwt., were up \$12.30 from last year. Calves sold at an average price of \$120.00 per cwt. in mid-September, \$15.00 higher than the previous September.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but at the national level all wheat sold for \$6.02 per bushel in mid-September, up \$1.54 from the previous year. U.S. winter wheat prices increased \$1.77 over the same period, averaging \$5.97 per bushel in mid-September. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.54 per bushel, \$1.24 below the September 2009 price. Hog prices averaged \$60.90 per cwt., up \$23.20 from September of last year.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Sept. 2009	Aug. 2010	Sept. 15, 2010	Sept. 2009	Sept. 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	76.50	88.90	90.40	85.50	99.30
Cows 2/	Cwt.	43.10	58.70	57.20	44.30	56.60
Calves	Cwt.	124.00	142.00	140.00	105.00	120.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	13.50	16.30	17.20	13.00	17.20
Corn	Bu.	3.53	3.49	4.05	3.25	4.34
Oats	Bu.	1.78	1.87	2.00	1.82	2.16
Soybeans	Bu.	9.88	10.20	9.85	9.75	9.94
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	8.25	10.40	8.20	8.27	7.58
Fresh	Cwt.	9.90	12.40	-	8.77	-
Processing	Cwt.	7.80	7.75	-	7.88	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	105.00	100.00	105.00	109.00	117.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	75.00	80.00	70.00	97.10	95.20
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.48	6.02
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.20	5.97
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.78	3.54
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.40	24.10
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.36	0.35
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	37.70	60.90

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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